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FOR HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: THE WIDEMAN CASE

REF: (A) STATE 122820, (B) MANILA 8039

1. I WOULDN'T WANT TO BET HOW THE BERNIE WIEDEMAN CASE IS GOING TO GO, SINCE DESPITE PREVIOUS POSITIVE INDICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONER REYES, MRS. MARCOS REMAINS DEAD SET AGAINST HIM. DURING LUNCH MAY 21 SHE BROUGHT UP WIDEMAN, LINKED HIM WITH NPA LEADER "CORPUS" AND INDICATED THAT SHE REGARDS BERNIE TO BE BEYOND THE PALE (REF B).

2. AT THE BANKERS TRUST COMPANY RECEPTION LAST NIGHT, MRS. MARCOS AND I WERE DISCUSSING HER HUSBAND'S MEMORIAL DAY SPEECH. I MENTIONED THAT HAVING SEEN HER "FAVORITE CORRESPONDENT" (BERNIE) IN THE AUDIENCE, WE COULD EXPECT THE SPEECH TO RECEIVE SOME PRESS ATTENTION IN WASHINGTON. MRS. MARCOS LOOKED APPALLED AT THE THOUGHT OF BEING IN BERNIE'S HANDS, BUT I PRESSED THE POINT URGING HER "TO GIVE HIM A CHANCE." SHE FINALLY SAID, "WELL, YES, IT'S TRUE WE DO MATURE AS WE GROW UP." I HOPE BERNIE COMES THROUGH.

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3. I MENTION THE ABOVE TO GIVE YOU SOME IDEA OF HOW EMOTIONAL FACTORS COMPOUND THE UNPREDICTABILITY OF THE WIDEMAN CASE. I SHALL CONTINUE TRYING TO NUDGE MRS. MARCOS OFF HER ANTI-WIDEMAN FIXATION.
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